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The Notice of Allowability indicates that a copy of JP 9-297682 was not submitted with the Information Disclosure Statement (IDS) filed on September 26, 2006. As evidenced by the attached postcard receipt, Applicants respectfully submit that a copy of this document was submitted with the IDS on September 26, 2006. Consequently, Applicants respectfully request that the Examiner initial the attached PTO-1449 form and return a copy of the initialed form to the undersigned. A copy of JP 9-297682 is submitted herewith for the Examiner's convenient reference.

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Respectfully submitted,

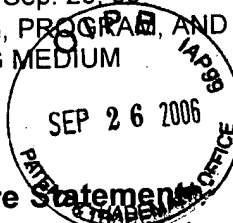
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Applicants have listed publication dates on the attached PTO-1449 based on information presently available to the undersigned. However, the listed publication dates should not be construed as an admission that the information was actually published on the date indicated.

Applicants reserve the right to establish the patentability of the claimed invention over any of the information provided herewith, and/or to prove that this information may not be prior art, and/or to prove that this information may not be enabling for the teachings purportedly offered.

This statement should not be construed as a representation that a search has been made, or that information more material to the examination of the present patent application does not exist. The Examiner is specifically requested not to rely solely on the material submitted herewith. It is further understood that the Examiner will consider information that had been cited by or submitted to the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office in a prior application relied on under 35 U.S.C. § 120. 1138 OG 37, 38 (May 19, 1992).

Applicants have checked the appropriate boxes below.

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5. ☒ The document(s) was/were cited in a corresponding Japanese application no. 2001-091013 in an Office Action dated August 22, 2006. EP 1 031 907 is an English-language counterpart for JP 2000-250750 and is provided for the Examiner's convenient reference.
6. ☐ A concise explanation of the relevance of the non-English language document(s) appears below:
7. ☐ The Examiner's attention is directed to co-pending U.S. Patent Application Nos., which are directed to related technical subject matter. The Examiner is respectfully requested to consider the cited applications and the art cited therein during examination.
8. ☐ Copies of the documents were cited by or submitted to the Office in Application No. , filed , which is relied upon for an earlier filing date under 35 U.S.C. § 120. Thus, copies of these documents are not attached. 37 C.F.R. § 1.98(d).

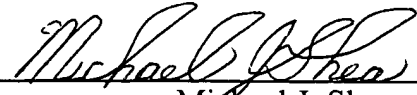
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		9-297682	11/1997	JP			ABST	
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